

OOD Assignment 5: The Semester Project for OOD: Design Phase (Part 1)

Introduction

Project 5 is the first of three deliverables for your Semester Project. The plan right now is as follows:

- Project 5 – the Project Design deliverables – will be due on Friday 11/3 – worth 100 points (with possible bonus)
 - This part of the project is detailed below
- Project 6 – the first Semester Project Sprint is due Friday 11/17 – worth 50 points
 - This will be an interim submission including an in-person demonstration and review to show where the project code stands after your first two weeks of code development
 - *Expect to deliver at least 50% of the functionality of your code here!*
- Project 7 – the second/final Semester Project Sprint is due Thursday 11/30 – worth 100 points (with possible bonus)
 - This is the final delivery of your project code and support with recorded demonstrations

The Semester Project

Create a working application based on a non-trivial set of classes and services that make use of some of the design patterns we cover to provide a nice set of functionalities to an end-user; this normally includes some UI design, business logic, and data handling (MVC?), but your project may vary per your proposed topic. You may use any languages, frameworks, libraries, or utilities for your project as long as the project demonstrates object-oriented design.

Reminder on Project Scope Approach

Project 5 asks you (and your team) to engage in analysis and design activities for your semester project. You will generate a detailed set of tasks that can be accomplished with your proposed system and provide a comprehensive design of that system. The goal of these analysis and design activities is to generate information that will allow you to start implementing the system with confidence.

While I am asking for a non-trivial amount of information, you should only generate the information you need to achieve your desired functionality given the size of your team. You will have four weeks to develop the code for your system (2 iterations consisting of two weeks each).

During each iteration, each member of your group should expect to work on one or maybe two major functionalities or use cases (possibly with other teammates). As a result, if you are a member of a two-person team, you will want to target 4 to 8 use cases for your system. A three-person team is looking at 6-12 use cases (12 is a lot!). To be clear, I would rather see a focus on quality designed and delivered code deliveries than creating a volume of poor work.

Use these guidelines to scope the work of this assignment and really focus on generating information that will guide your implementation efforts during the last part of the semester.

Project 5 Deliverables

Your deliverable for Project 5 is a single PDF document that contains the information listed below. Clearly indicate each section in your PDF as they are graded separately:

Project Summary

- What is the Project called?
- Who is on your team (include all names)?
- What is the high-level overview of your semester project? What are you trying to accomplish? What will your system do when you are done?

Project Requirements

- Based on the project summary, what are the requirements and responsibilities for your system? List the requirements and their associated responsibilities in this section. Identify the main goals of the system and its associated responsibilities.
- This list should attempt to convey the “big picture” view of your system and what it is trying to accomplish.
- The requirements can include
 - functional capabilities (what it will do)
 - non-functional characteristics and constraints (performance, security, usability, etc.)

Users and Tasks: Use Cases (Text-based or UML Use Case Diagrams)

- How many different types of users will your system have? What tasks do they need to accomplish with your system?
- Document how the system will support all major user tasks by providing one or more use cases (using a text template or UML).
- Try to think of the various problems or variations that can occur while trying to accomplish these tasks and document those alternative situations in the use cases.
- Remember the WAVE rule when examining the content of your use cases.

UML Activity or State Diagram

- Depending on your application, select use of either an activity or a state diagram to show your system’s operations and the paths through it.
- Highlight or annotate in your diagram where your use cases are being serviced by the functionality being described.

Data Storage

- Discuss how you will persist data in your application. What storage technology will you use? Text files? XML? CSV? MySQL? Hibernate? Where will the data be stored? Describe the classes and libraries that you will use to access this data at run-time.
- Note that this section is required even if data is simply maintained in memory.
- Any reasonable diagram of data details, tables and relations (like a Logical Data Model or Entity-Relationship data diagram), or a diagram of the classes that will manage data may be used here.

UI Mockups/Sketches

- Create screen mockups for the user interface of various parts of your application. What will a user see as they work through the tasks identified in your use cases? What is the overall organization of your user interface? How will data be displayed? How will the user navigate from screen to screen?
- Use this task as a means for focusing your thoughts about what you will be creating... iterate now on how your screens will be laid out and then include your final sketches in this section.
- There is no fixed number of screen sketches. Include what you think is needed to convey an overall sense of your application. Note: it is okay to work on paper or a whiteboard for this task and then scan in your work to include in your document. For an automated mockup tool for GUIs, I highly recommend Balsamiq at <https://balsamiq.com/> but there are many others.
- If you're doing a command line interface, show a mock iteration and output here.
- If you do not have a UI in your application, see me for alternate design activities

UML Class Diagram & Pattern Use

- Create a detailed class diagram that documents everything you have discovered in your design activities with respect to what classes your system will contain: what responsibilities and relationships they have, what attributes and methods, what design patterns are used, etc.
- Please include return and argument types as well as accessibility in classes.
- If it is too difficult to fit everything into a single diagram, you can split your classes across more than one diagram in whatever way makes the most sense for your application.
- Clearly this project is a great opportunity for looking for some experience reuse from the OO patterns library. **Your system must include use of at least four patterns** as part of your project design. If you have difficulty identifying pattern use for your application, please reach out for guidance or further discussion of the requirement.
- **Highlight or annotate the patterns in the UML class diagram.**

User Interactions/UML Sequence Diagrams

- Use your class diagram, use cases, and UI mockups to identify at least three primary interactions that your user will have with your application. (If your system is more about modelling internal interactions than external user ones, this should be used to model those interactions.)
- For each interaction provide both a text description of how your system will support it and a UML sequence diagram of the objects that will participate in the interaction.
- For an MVC style system, some of these objects could represent UI widgets, some could be model objects used to access/update persistent data, and some could be objects that sit in between the UI and the persistent data as controllers. The controllers contain application logic that decides how to respond to events, updating both model objects and UI widgets to represent the new state of the system.
- Recall that sequence diagrams do not contain conditional constructs, so be sure to clearly describe the interaction that is being displayed in the sequence diagram. Do not try to show if-then-else scenarios in a single sequence diagram. If you find yourself needing to show such a situation, simply create two parts for the sequence diagrams, one that shows the normal (happy path) flow and one that shows one or more off-normal flows.

Grading Rubric

The point breakdown of this assignment is as follows:

Section	Points	Comments
Project Summary	10	Include your team's names!
Requirements	10	Main goals and other requirements
Use Cases	15	UML or text use cases of users interacting with your program
Activity or State Diagram	10	At least for most complex use case(s)
Data Storage	10	Include tool and data description
UI Mockups/Sketches	15	Number of sketches varies
User Interactions	10	At least three interactions in sequence diagrams
Class Diagram	20	One or more diagrams describing system, note pattern use
Total	100	

- There is a **possible 5 or 10 point overall quality bonus for each submission**, based on assessment by the professor.
- For the UML and related diagrams, you can use a scan of a paper or whiteboard diagram, or use your favorite UML tools, such as draw.io/diagrams.net. If done on paper/pencil or whiteboard, please *be sure that all diagrams are readable and clear*.
- **A single PDF from your team is Due Friday 11/3 at 8 PM on CougarVIEW.**
- Assignments will be accepted per the normal late policy as follows: there is no late penalty within 4 hours of the due date/time. In the next 48 hours, the penalty for a late submission is 5%. In the next 48 hours, the late penalty increases to 15% of the grade. After that point, assignments are not accepted.
- E-mail or see me in class or student hours regarding homework questions or assistance. Please contact me EARLY in the cycle for questions, clarifications, or variations for your project.